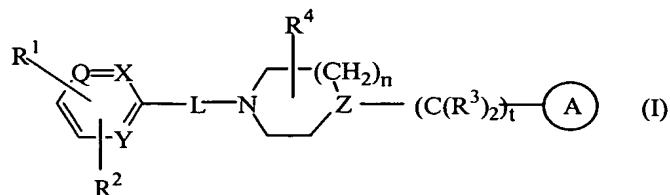


This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A compound of formula (I),



the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein


*n* is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and when *n* is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

*t* is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and when *t* is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

each Q is nitrogen or ;

each X is nitrogen or ;

each Y is nitrogen or ;

each Z is nitrogen or ;

R<sup>1</sup> is -C(O)NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>, -NHC(O)R<sup>9</sup>, -C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediylSR<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>C(O)N(OH)R<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>C(O)C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediylSR<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>C(O)C=N(OH)R<sup>9</sup> or another Zn-chelating-group

wherein R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or aminoaryl;

R<sup>9</sup> is independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpyrazinyl, pyridinone, pyrrolidinone or methylimidazolyl;


R<sup>10</sup> is independently selected from hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

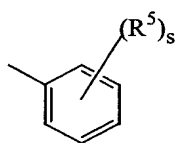
R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino, hydroxyamino or naphthalenylsulfonylpyrazinyl;

-L- is a direct bond or a bivalent radical selected from C<sub>1</sub>-6alkanediyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-6alkanediyoxy, amino, carbonyl or aminocarbonyl;

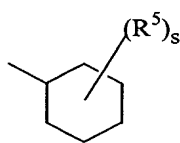
each R<sup>3</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom and one hydrogen atom can be  
replaced by a substituent selected from aryl;

R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxyc<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxy,  
arylC<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, aminoc<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl,  
aminocarbonylc<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, hydroxycarbonylc<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, hydroxyaminocarbonyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkylaminoC<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl or di(C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl)aminoC<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl;

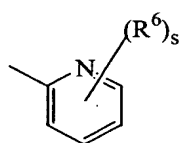
— is a radical selected from



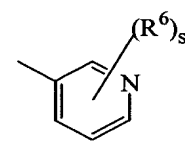
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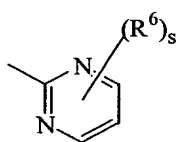
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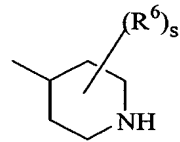
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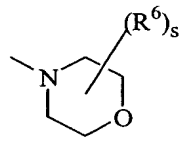
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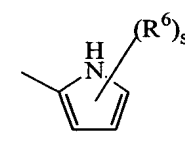
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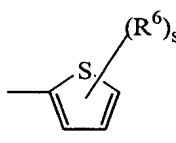
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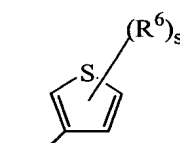
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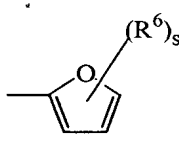
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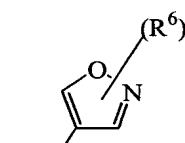
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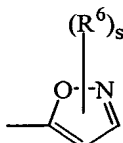
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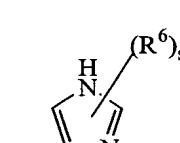
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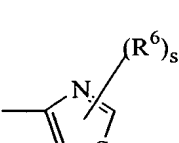
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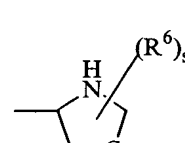
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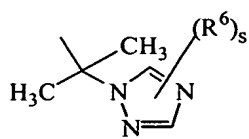
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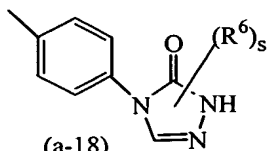
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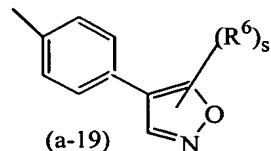
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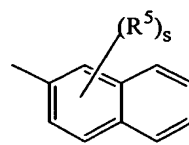
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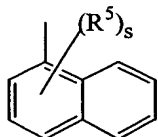
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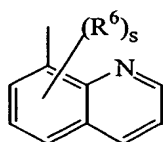
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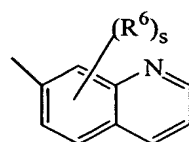
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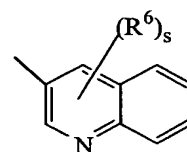
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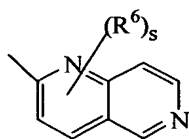
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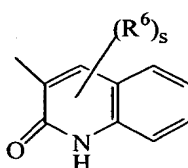
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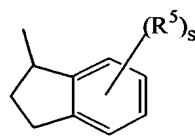
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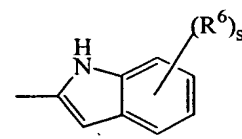
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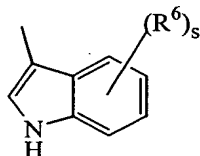
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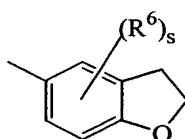
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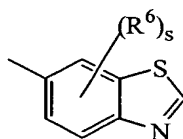
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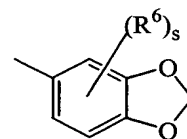
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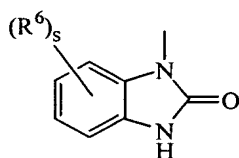
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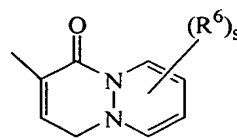
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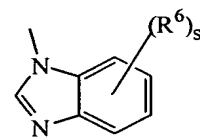
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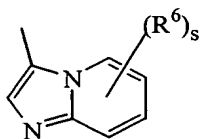
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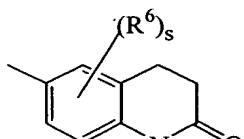
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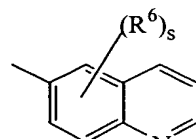
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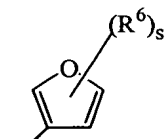
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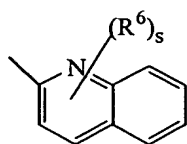
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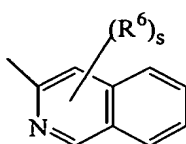
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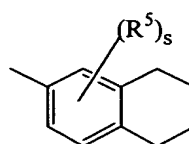
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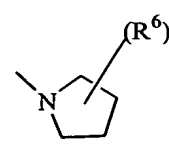
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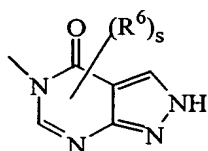
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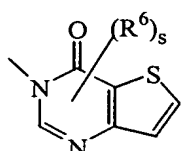
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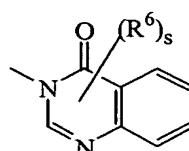
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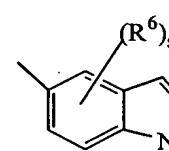
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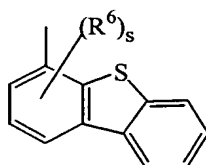
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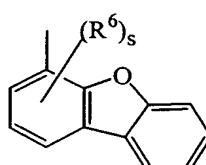
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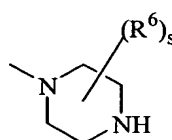
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wherein each  $s$  is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

each  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl substituted with aryl and C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulfonyl; cyanoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; (aryl)(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino; aryloxy; aryloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; arylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenediyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl; thiophenyl substituted with di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

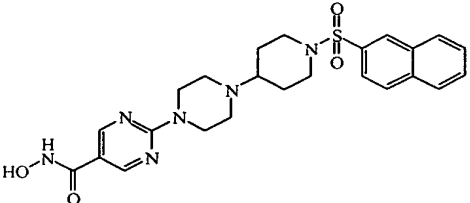
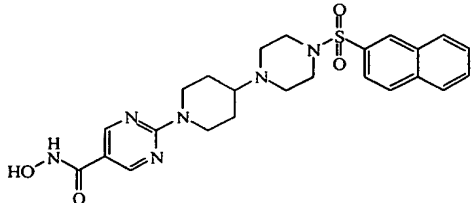
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di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxypiperidinyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxypiperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl;  
oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl;  
pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; morpholinyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylmorpholinyl;  
morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;  
morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;  
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(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;  
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hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl  
substituted with two substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl;  
tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl; tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents  
independently selected from halo, amino, nitro, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl,  
aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,

di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,  
aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, cyano,  
piperidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,  
aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxypiperidinyl,  
C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxypiperidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
di(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, furanyl,  
furanyl substituted with -CH=CH-CH=CH-, pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
morpholinyl, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, piperazinyl,  
C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, piperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,  
C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl,  
tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,  
piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,  
(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
pyridinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,  
aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, or thiophenylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino;  
each R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> can be placed on the nitrogen in replacement of the hydrogen;

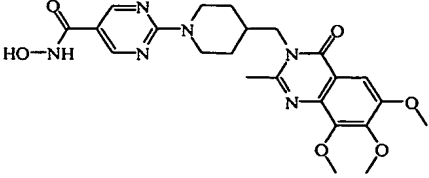
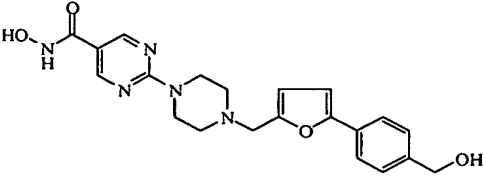
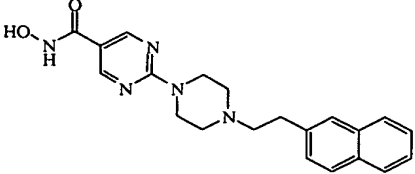
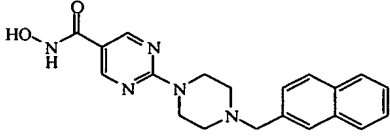
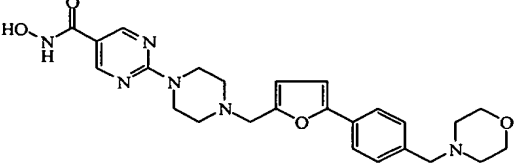
aryl in the above is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano or hydroxycarbonyl.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein n is 1 or 2; t is 0, 1, 2 or 4; each Q is  $\text{---C}\equiv$ ;  $\text{R}^1$  is  $\text{---C(O)NH(OH)}$ ;  $\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen or nitro; -L- is a direct bond or a bivalent radical selected from  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkanediyl;  $\text{R}^4$  is hydrogen;  $\text{---}\text{A}$  is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), (a-5), (a-6), (a-11), (a-18), (a-20), (a-21), (a-32), (a-33), (a-47) or (a-51); each s is independently 0, 1, 2, or 4; each  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; trihalo $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted with aryl and  $\text{C}_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxy;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl; benzofuranyl; naphthalenylsulfonyl; pyridinyl substituted with aryloxy; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one substituent independently selected from hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl or morpholinyl $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl.
3. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein t is 1, 2, 3, or 4;  $\text{R}^1$  is  $\text{---C(O)NR}^7\text{R}^8$ ,  $\text{---C(O)---C}_{1-6}$ alkanediyl $\text{SR}^9$ ,  $\text{---NR}^{10}\text{C(O)N(OH)R}^9$ ,  $\text{---NR}^{10}\text{C(O)C}_{1-6}$ alkanediyl $\text{SR}^9$ ,  $\text{---NR}^{10}\text{C(O)C=N(OH)R}^9$  or another Zn-chelating-group wherein  $\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{R}^8$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl or amino $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;  $\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl or di( $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino; -L- is a direct bond or a bivalent radical selected from  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkanediyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkanediyl, amino or carbonyl;  $\text{R}^4$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, aryl $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, aminocarbonyl, amino $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylamino $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl or di( $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;  $\text{---}\text{A}$  is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19), (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30), (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41), (a-42), (a-44), (a-45), (a-46), (a-47), (a-48) and (a-51); each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;  $\text{R}^5$  is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihalo $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; trihalo $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxy;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxy;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylsulfonyl; hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; aryloxy; di( $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino; cyano; thiophenyl; furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl; oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; morpholinyl;

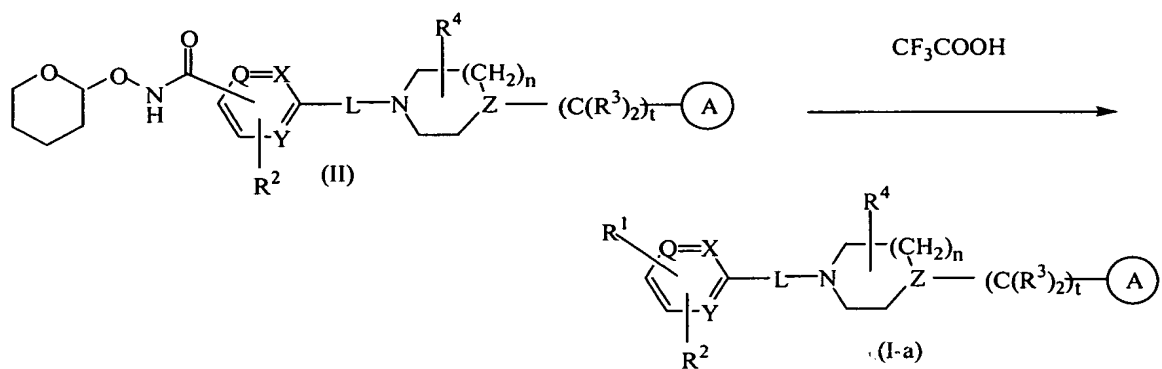
- C<sub>1</sub>-6alkylmorpholinyl; piperazinyl;  
C<sub>1</sub>-6alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxyC<sub>1</sub>-6alkylpiperazinyl;  
C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxypiperidinyl; pyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl or trihaloC<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl;
- R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl; trihaloC<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxy; C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxy; C<sub>1</sub>-6alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxycarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-6alkylsulfonyl; hydroxyC<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl; aryloxy; di(C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl)amino; cyano; pyridinyl; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.
4. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~and 2~~ wherein n is 1; t is 0 or 1; each Q is  $\text{—C}\begin{smallmatrix} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{smallmatrix}$ ; each X is nitrogen; each Y is nitrogen; R<sup>1</sup> is  $\text{—C(O)NH(OH)}$ ; R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen; -L- is a direct bond; each R<sup>3</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom; R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen;  $\text{—}\bigcirc\text{(A)}$  is a radical selected from (a-6), (a-11), (a-20), (a-47) or (a-51); each s is independently 0, 1, or 4; and each R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyloxy; naphthalenylsulfonyl; or phenyl substituted with hydroxyC<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl or morpholinylC<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl.
5. (Currently Amended) A compound ~~according to claim 1, 2 and 4~~ selected from the group consisting of compounds No. 3, No. 4, No. 8, No. 5, No. 7, No. 6 and No. 9.

	
0.91 C <sub>2</sub> HF <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ; Co. No. 3	0.86 C <sub>2</sub> HF <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ; Co. No. 4



	
$C_2HF_3O_2$ (1:1); Co. No.8	$0.83 C_2HF_3O_2$ ; Co. No.5
	
$-0.79 C_2HF_3O_2$ ; Co. No.7	$0.83 C_2HF_3O_2$ ; Co. No.6
	
$0.47 H_2O$ . $1.99 C_2HF_3O_2$ ; Co. No.9	

6. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to as claimed in claim 1 to 5.
7. (Currently Amended) A process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 6 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and the a compound according to as claimed in claim 1 to 5 are intimately mixed.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Original) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized by reacting an intermediate of formula (II) with an appropriate acid, such as for example, trifluoro acetic acid, yielding a hydroxamic acid of formula (I-a), wherein  $R^1$  is  $-C(O)NH(OH)$



11. (Original) A method of detecting or identifying a HDAC in a biological sample comprising detecting or measuring the formation of a complex between a labelled compound as defined in claim (I) and a HDAC.
12. (Cancelled)